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(U) On June 5, Jaak Meri, Desk Officer, Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications (MEEC), told Deputy Economic Counselor that while his colleagues at the MEEC and the Ministry of Defense view the Global Maritime Partnership (GMP) positively, it is not a Swedish priority at present. Meri commented that the GMP appears to overlap with existing cooperation agreements, such as the North Atlantic Coast Guard Forum, in which Sweden already participates. He cited the Emergency Preparedness, Prevention and Response program, the Helsinki Commission, and the Baltic Sea Regional Border Cooperation as examples of existing cooperation agreements where the GMP overlaps. Meri noted that Sweden prefers to focus cooperation within the "already existing fora," adding that this allows Sweden to allocate its resources in a more cost-efficient manner.
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